

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-16 are pending in the present application.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

An Information Disclosure Statement has been filed concurrently herewith, as including documents made of record in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044. Since copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044 is related to the present application, these corresponding documents may be considered material to the prosecution of the present application. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement, and to confirm that the documents submitted therewith have been considered and will be cited of record in the present application.**

**Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 8, 11 and 14 have been provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Enclosed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044. In the Preliminary Amendment concurrently filed in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044, claims 2 and 5

have been canceled, and independent claims 3 and 6 have been respectively amended to include the features of dependent claims 7 and 9. Since claims 2 and 5 have been canceled and claims 3 and 6 have been amended in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044, claims 8, 11 and 14 of the present application do not claim the same invention as the corresponding claims in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 11/045,044 as asserted by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectively requested to withdraw the provisional double patenting rejection for at least these reasons.

### **Conclusion**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding rejection, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Copy of Preliminary Amendment (copending U.S. Application Serial  
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